

### ***BGCA Continues the Commitment to Community Outreach...***

Since January 2011, the Blue Grass Chemical Activity (BGCA) has conducted 10 tours of its facilities and partnered with the Blue Grass Army Depot and the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant to ensure stakeholders receive a complete understanding of the partnership. The stakeholders also receive a briefing and an on-site tour which outlines the process that will take place between BGCA and BGCAPP as we get closer to demilitarization.

BGCA Commander Lt. Col. Steven Basso arrived in Richmond, Kentucky June 2010. Since taking command Lt. Col. Basso remains committed to the BGCA mission: safety of the Public, workforce and the environment.

In an effort to educate the surrounding counties and provide an in-depth understanding of the methods BGCA uses to achieve its mission, Lt. Col. Basso opened the door and invited community leaders, Emergency Management personnel, Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program personnel and college and high school students to tour the BGCA facilities.



*Tour groups visit the Mock Igloo and receive an over-pack demonstration.*



*Madison County EMA/CSEPP personnel receive a briefing in the BGCA Emergency Operations Center.*

### ***BGCA Highlights:***

- ❖ BGCA Headquarters Building renovations are complete and staff will be moving to the new location Friday, 29 April.
- ❖ BGCA Tours will begin again in September. We will schedule two on-site tours a month and we are available to visit your school with the BGCA Mobile Information Center. Contact Sheryl Lowell for additional information.
- ❖ Lt. Col. Basso is available for Speakers Bureau events in surrounding counties.

### ***BGCA Key Messages:***

- ❖ The Blue Grass Chemical Munitions Stockpile is safely stored and maintained by the employees of the Blue Grass Chemical Activity (BGCA) under the command of Lt. Col. Steven Basso.
- ❖ The U.S. Army is **committed** to the safety of the community, the workforce and the environment.
- ❖ The Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program is **committed** to saving lives and protecting property in the unlikely event of a chemical accident or incident at BGCA.

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**Monday - Friday**

*(Additional hours available upon request)*

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Public Affairs:**

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**Blue Grass Chemical Agent-  
Destruction Pilot Plant**

**Public Affairs:**

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### **"Upcoming Events"**

**May 9, 2011- X-ray  
Assessment  
Scheduled to  
Begin**

**May 19, 2011-  
BGCA CAIRA  
Exercise**

